



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Department of Economics Course Outline

Course:	Economics 611.91 [Research Methods Seminar]	Term:	Spring 2010
Time:	TBA	Section:	20
Instructor:	Dr. J.F. Wen	Place:	SS 418
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Textbook(s):

None

Book(s) on Reserve:

None

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The purpose of the Research Methods Seminar Course is to expose students to various research methodologies in economics and to encourage them to evaluate research in a critical manner.

Referee reports on three seminar papers presented over the Fall and Winter semesters. The reports must be handed in by the end of the examination periods for the Spring semester. The referee reports should be three to five papers in length, single-spaced.

The reports are intended to be a critical appraisal of the seminar paper. In particular:

1. The paper should be briefly summarized. What are its main conclusions? Its contribution to the literature? How did the author(s) go about establishing the results?
2. What are the strengths of the paper? Its weaknesses?
3. How might the paper be extended and/or improved?

The referee reports should be written in appropriate scholarly style. You will be evaluated on your understanding of the paper, the strength of your argument, and the eloquence of your presentation. While there is no need to do any formal modeling or statistical work, if simple modeling can be presented to buttress your arguments feel free to do so.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

The grade for each segment of the course will be determined by an evaluation of your reports. Each report has equal value.

There is no final examination.

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Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within 7 days of the work being returned to the class.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than 7 days after the start of this course.

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